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ALL-COMERS WELCOME TO BEACH FIGHT

THANET'S tough guys are being thrown a challenge they should not be able to resist... come and wrestle me if you think you're hard enough.

Madcap performer Anthony Schragg, a Zimbabwe-born Canadian, will fight anyone who thinks they're up to it in a Punch and Judy-style tent on Margate beach.

The Wrasslin' event is part of a new programme from Margate arts group Limbo and will slam down on the beach on Saturday, February 20.

The public are invited to grapple and wrestle the skinny artist for three

■ BY TOM BETTS

30-second rounds as he aims to "physically connect with his audience" and put himself through the pain barrier.

Schragg, who weighs a little over nine-and-a-half stone and measures just 5ft 9in tall, said: "This is an honest gesture, I'm not taking the mickey.

"It was an idea I had at art school and it has developed from there.

"This is my way of injecting a bit of fun and light-heartedness into my art and I hope to see loads of people come along to challenge me.

"It's about having a laugh and enjoy-

ing yourself and finding out what our bodies can do. There is no limitation on age, gender or size - I will wrestle with anybody. You have to be brave in this day and age!"

The 34-year-old says he has been injured in previous bouts that he has staged and will wear a special wrestling outfit for the occasion.

He is encouraging others to dress up for the Wrasslin' event as he will give out prizes for the best efforts.

"I'll be showing a bit of thigh and getting people a little bit excited," he said. "I know it will be cold, but I hope people will come down and see what

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Performance artist Anthony Schragg will wrestle anyone who cares to take him on in a Punch and Judy-style tent on Margate beach next week



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SWITCH: Norman Spirit will be renamed Ostend Spirit when it sails on the Ramsgate-Ostend route

Ferry firms unite to transfer larger ship to Ramsgate

■ BY TOM BETTS

A NEW ship will be sailing between Ramsgate and Ostend after two ferry operators agreed to work together.

Transeuropa Ferries, which already sails out of Ramsgate, and LD Lines are teaming up to sail the Norman Spirit between the ports.

LD Lines has been operating the Norman Spirit between Dover and Boulogne, and the vessel will be renamed Ostend Spirit for its new route.

The commercial agreement was announced on Monday and will start in March.

A start date of "between March 15-30, 2010" has been pencilled in and the two companies will co-operate on commercial aspects of the route.

Expertise

LD Lines will take a lead in the development of the tourist and foot-passenger business, while Transeuropa Ferries will continue to focus on freight traffic and ship operations.

Transeuropa Ferries will operate the boat on a long-term charter basis and it will sail twice a day, joining the five vessels currently being used on the route.

LD Lines managing director Christophe Santoni said: "We are pleased to announce this development, which will combine the considerable expertise of both companies."

"For LD Lines it will further expand our ferry service network and we can now offer the market an extensive choice of routes from the west to east across the English Channel to France, and now to a northern-located port in Belgium."

Dominique Penel, general manager of Transeuropa Ferries, said: "This makes good economic sense for both companies in relation to moving the service forward."

"Transeuropa has established an excellent, solid freight business via the Ramsgate to Ostend route since we began in 1998. Now, with a larger ship we have the potential to improve the level of service to our freight customers, while also developing the tourist traffic through LD Lines's passenger marketing resources."

The newly-named Ostend Spirit, which was built in 1991, will continue to operate under the British flag and be branded in both LD Lines and Transeuropa Ferries colours.

LD Lines tourist fares on the Ramsgate to Ostend service will be available for cars and passengers, cars and caravans, motorhomes and motorcycles. On-board facilities include cabins and sleeper seats.

Thanet council deputy leader Roger Latchford said: "This is marvellous news for Ramsgate and Thanet. The port was built to receive vessels of this size and it's good to welcome them back, especially because of the increased freight and passengers they represent."

A launch offer of £24 for a single crossing by car and five passengers will be subject to availability.

• For more information and to book, visit www.ldlines.com or phone 0844 576 8836.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Women sought after attack near harbour

POLICE are investigating an assault on a 21-year-old woman at The Royal in Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, on Sunday morning.

The Margate woman suffered cuts and bruising to her face that required hospital treatment.

She had got caught in a disagreement with at least two women between 12.30am and 1am in the toilets.

One grabbed her around the throat and she was kicked.

One of the offenders wore a floral dress and another has facial piercing and thin brown hair.

Anyone with any information is asked to phone police on 01622 690690, quoting EY/1936/10.

Woman on bail over doorman incident

A WOMAN has been arrested on suspicion of assaulting a member of the door staff at The Sovereign pub in Harbour Street in Ramsgate.

The 26-year-old woman from Ramsgate was arrested on Sunday morning after the incident at 12.45am as she was being asked to leave the venue.

She has been bailed until Monday, February 22.

New facilities for hard of hearing at Gateway

VIDEO conferencing facilities for the deaf and hard of hearing will be launched at the Gateway Plus in Margate Library on Monday, February 15.

There will be demonstrations to show people how they work and advice will be on hand.

The new facilities have been provided by Deaf Services/KASS and the Gateway to ensure that the deaf and hard of hearing can access the same services as everyone else.

The day's theme will be celebrating disability, with displays from the British Red Cross, the Thanet Disability Forum, Kent Adult Social Services, Disability Sportlink and Kent Supported Employment.

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Plaques at homes of famous townsfolk could boost tourism

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE Ramsgate Society has been awarded a grant of almost £10,000 to press forward with a blue-plaques scheme.

It will see properties that played home to the rich and famous marked for all to see and could theoretically provide a welcome tourism boost to the town.

Homes belonging to people such as influential Gothic architect Augustus Pugin, Dad's Army star John Le Mesurier, who lived in London Road, and Wilkie Collins, the novelist and playwright who lived in Wellington Crescent, could all be marked.

Prime Minister

Other names in the frame are prison reformer and Quaker philanthropist Elizabeth Fry, who lived in Bellevue Road, and Viscount Wellesley, the former prime minister, and the Duke of Wellington, who lived in Chatham Place.

Chatham House Grammar School could also get a plaque as former prime minister Ted Heath was educated there, while one may be put up in Wellington



DELIGHTED: Jocelyn McCarthy says plaques will mark where Ramsgate's famous lived and worked

Crescent to mark the street where poet and philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge lived.

A total of 25 plaques could be put up around the town.

The money has come from county councillor Liz Green, who has put forward the funding from her KCC allocation for the year.

She said: "The local area has so much history and so many people have lived and stayed here.

"Heritage and conservation areas are really undervalued by Thanet council and I think we need to do everything we can to restore things. Anything that can be done to boost interest in the local history among people who live here and visitors is certainly a good thing."

Cllr Green said the original application had been put in by local man Frank Batt, who played a big part in securing the funding.

Ramsgate Society chairman Joycelyn McCarthy said: "This is great news. It will mark the places where people have lived and worked.

"Booklets will hopefully be printed up and will be available in places such as the library and local shops. That will act as a further guide."

The money has been approved and will be deposited to the Ramsgate Society's bank account in the coming weeks.

The plaques will not be official like those put up by English Heritage.



ENDERS' JUNE ON THE DOT FOR RSPCA VISIT

TV soap legend Dott Cotton has been visiting the isle.

EastEnders actress June Brown paid a surprise visit to the RSPCA Woodchurch Animal Centre while in the area.

June, a renowned animal-lover, is more often seen puffing on a menthol cigarette in Albert Square than taking a stroll around the isle, but she was said to be impressed by the facilities and care at the centre.

An RSPCA spokesman said: "She was amazed at what had been achieved by a small local group of volunteers in building such a centre with the support and generosity of local people and hoped to see it grow into the future.

"June's delightful sense of humour soon had us all laughing and we hope it won't be too long before we have the pleasure of her company again.

"The Thanet branch would like to thank June for taking the time to visit the centre when she has such a busy schedule."

Only rules are no punching and no biting

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it's all about – and it will be in a tent."

Paul Hazelton, Limbo's artistic director, said: "All of our events have some kind of link to Margate and its culture and I think this will tap into that.

"The town has an association with wrestling as fights would take place at the Winter Gardens. I think this is going to be a very interesting event."

The only rules for Wrasslin' are no punching and no biting during the bouts and the challenge is to get the artist on his back.

Anthony said: "I'll even consider fighting two people at once, but I hope people will see the joy in it rather than take it too far.

"I did this in Iceland once and one challenger who was on a stag-do got a little bit carried away, but most people are fine."

A referee will supervise the fights and people who want to challenge Anthony must book a slot during the 2pm-4pm event in advance.

• Email Limbo at info@limbo.co.uk or call 078 1278 0984 for details. More information on Limbo's Dead Season Live Art schedule, which runs during February and March, is available on Limbo's website at www.limboarts.co.uk.

£40,000: the cost of probe into false sex assault claim

A TOTAL of £40,000 was wasted on an allegation of sexual assault in Broadstairs.

Kent Police spent the money investigating the alleged crime, which was later revealed to be the figment of a woman's imagination.

And on Wednesday last week a 42-year-old woman was cautioned after she claimed she was assaulted at Viking Bay in September.

A police spokeswoman said: "This has now proven to be false and this week we arrested and subsequently cautioned the woman concerned.

"Police would like to thank the people of Broadstairs for their help during the investigation of a report of a serious sexual assault in the town in September."

The woman's caution will sit on her record after she told police that two unknown men had raped her on the beach on Sunday, September 6.

A big investigation was launched by Kent Police's major crime department in a bid to catch the alleged attackers and two men were arrested as a result of the descriptions pro-

vided by the woman. Extensive inquiries were carried out and numerous witnesses identified who had been on the beach that evening.

Statements were taken and the contents of these contradicted the woman's account.

Det Insp Lee Whitehead, who led the investigation, said: "We would like to reassure the community that all allegations of this nature are treated seriously and thoroughly investigated.

"Victims of such crimes are always treated with great discretion and sensitivity.

"Any allegations proved to be false are also treated seriously and dealt with accordingly. False allegations undermine genuine victims of sexual assault and divert police resources away from what we should be concentrating on."

Thanet's district commander, Ch Insp Mitchell Fox, said: "I said in September this was out of character for Broadstairs, which has a deserved reputation as a very safe place to live, work and visit."

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Fast-food outlet is damaged in blaze

THE Broadstairs branch of KFC has been badly damaged in a fire.

The fast-food outlet in Westwood Road was enveloped by flames at about 8.45am on Saturday as shoppers were hitting stores in the area.

The blaze took hold in the restaurant's roof area and thick black smoke belled out until fire-fighters managed to bring it under control at about 11am.

Customers and staff inside were evacuated and the fabric of the building was damaged as cracks appeared in brickwork and the roof was ravaged by flames.

A hole had to be torn in the roof to get to the source of the fire, while hoses were used to douse it with water.

The fire caused traffic problems on the surrounding roads.

Police catch pair with 30 doorbells

TWO teenagers are to be cautioned by police for stealing doorbells.

Officers stopped the boys on Saturday, January 13, and found they had stolen 30 bells from homes in Margate.

The bells had been taken in Knockholt Road, Crundale Way, Sandhurst Road and other roads around Palm Bay.

Police think the boys, who were not known to them beforehand, may have stolen the bells as a prank.

The culprits cannot be named due to their age but were due to be cautioned today (Wednesday).

They were noticed behaving suspiciously in the area and an off-duty officer called his colleagues to report them.

All the bells will be returned to the respective homeowners.

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A date with Ramsgate Olympic Taekwondo Club. Search 'fighting'

We can't let planning go on like this, warns Labour chief

CONCERNS over Thanet council's planning procedures have sparked a call for an investigation.

Clive Hart, the isle's Labour leader, sits on the planning committee and has expressed his worries that buildings are too frequently deviating from the original planning permission, leading to an increase in so-called retrospective applications having to be sought.

Insignificant

At a recent planning committee meeting he said: "I have been a member of the planning committee for over six years now and during the first five years I cannot remember having to discuss issues like buildings or parts of buildings being built without planning permission, or in the wrong place, or built completely differently to the plans that were approved."

"Indeed, if there were one or two cases in that time they must have been so minor as to be almost insignificant."

"However, over the past year or so we appear to discuss such matters at virtually every meeting and I think it is time the council investigated or reviewed its procedures."

■ BY TOM BETTS

Following a brief comment by another planning member at the meeting, Cllr Hart said: "We simply cannot let the current situation continue. We should investigate matters and where breaches are the responsibility of the council make appropriate adjustments to procedures."

"Where the responsibility is shown to lie with other authorities we should make the strongest possible representations to them from this committee."

One member of the committee, Simon Day, the vice-chairman to chairman Ken Gregory, has even had to put in his own retrospective application.

A home he built in Berkeley Road in Birchington was later the subject of a retrospective application in September 2008.

The premises, built on a patch of land at the end of the cul-de-sac, is noted for its striking appearance, with some people saying that it is wildly at odds with the look of other bungalows in the street.

Cllr Gregory said that Cllr Hart's request for an investigation had "been noted".



TOO MANY CHANGES: Clive Hart says that Thanet council's planning procedures need to be reviewed

THE ISLE HAS ITS VERY OWN ANGEL



Is this Thanet's answer to the Angel of the North?

Yourthanet reader Malcolm Kirkaldie certainly thinks so.

He snapped this picture of the wind turbine in Richborough and noticed its likeness to an angel looking out towards the coast in the mist of early morning.

Mr Kirkaldie said: "You have to get there at just the right time of day and wait until the blades are in just the right place to really capture the scene, but I'm pleased with the results."

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Put that camera away, say guards at shops complex

■ BY TOM BETTS

A BOOKSHOP owner is in dispute with the owners of Westwood Cross shopping complex over the right to take photographs there.

Michael Child, who runs Michael's Bookshop in Ramsgate, was asked to stop taking pictures by security staff on a recent visit.

Mr Child wanders the isle taking pictures for his Thanet Online blog and to document the ever-changing nature of Thanet, but he did not envisage any problems when he went to document the shopping haven.

He said: "Several people have asked me to take some pictures of Westwood Cross – some of these are completely disabled and will never get to see it, some are people who have moved away from Thanet and are curious to know what people are talking about.

"After taking a few, a couple of security men appeared and told me I would have to get permission to take photographs – they said they would use their radios to get permission from head office

"I explained that I had started taking them last year to make a historical record of Thanet. They relayed this to head office in the simplified form of taking pictures for a website for disabled people. Frankly, they seemed more stunned than I was when the answer came back as no.

"One of them said to me 'I would say to you have a nice afternoon shopping with your wife, but now I just don't know what to say'."

Bosses had objected on the grounds that it was private property, but Mr Child has posed the question: 'What is a public place?'

The complex is owned by Land Securities.

Mr Child was given the chance to appear in front of managers to appeal for permission to take pictures but decided not to do so.

His point is that thousands of people wander through the centre each day, so he believes that it is a public place.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

WARNING: Westwood Cross owners refused to let photographer take pictures for his website

He said: "This is a slippery slope to go down and could affect our basic human rights."

Tom Price, general manager at the complex, said: "Westwood Cross is a privately-owned shopping and leisure centre.

"It is our policy that people visiting our centre to take photographs, collect for charity, or are there commercial purposes seek permission in advance from our centre-management team.

"Security staff at the centre spoke to a visitor who was taking photographs outside one of our stores.

"He was made aware of the centre policy and it was suggested that he should go to the nearby centre-management suite to ask permission to take photographs.

"He appeared to understand the situation and the centre's policy but chose not to visit the management suite."

Call for businesses to join Shop Local First campaign

THANET council's Shop Local First campaign could be extended to 50 restaurants, cafes, pubs and bars.

More premises are being encouraged to get involved with the scheme in the five pilot areas.

The authority wants 50 food and drinks businesses to sign up by Easter.

Letters and forms are being sent out to traders and business owners to gauge the level of interest before the next phase is carried out.

Thanet council leader Sandy Ezekiel said: "Shop Local First is the council's way of supporting local businesses. We're aiming to get the message across to both local people and visitors to the area about the superb variety of shops you can find in the area's towns and villages.

"Having successfully launched the scheme, we now want to try and extend it to cover more food and drink businesses in the run-up to the busy summer season. There are so many wonderful places in Thanet to

go out and enjoy a meal, snack or a drink and it's those businesses we now want to join Shop Local First."

The campaign aims to give residents and visitors more incentive to shop on the isle and was launched late last year.

The five pilot areas are Birchington, Broadstairs, Margate, Ramsgate and Northdown Road in Cliftonville.

So far, almost 30,000 incentive cards, with offers from more than 120 shops, have been given out to encourage people to spend their money at the isle's firms and shops.

You can pick up a Shop First Local Incentive Card from the businesses taking part, in libraries and at Thanet's Gateway Plus in Margate.

Businesses taking part in the scheme display a Shop Local First sticker in their window and any trader who wants to join should phone 01843 577050.

• For more information about the scheme and to find out which businesses are signed up to Shop Local First, visit www.thanet.gov.uk/shoplocal.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Syringe suspect spotted

THE observational skills of two plain-clothes police officers led to the arrest of a man who allegedly threatened a shopkeeper with a syringe.

The incident occurred at about 6.55am on Monday, December 7, when a man went into T&S News in Upper Dane Road, Margate, and demanded money from the shopkeeper.

After he was refused, he pulled out a syringe containing a red liquid and threatened the shopkeeper, who still would not hand over any cash. The man then ran from the store.

On Monday last week, detectives visiting the crime scene to view CCTV footage of the incident spotted the suspected robber as they were leaving the area, recognising him from the footage they had just seen.

Nickolas Jones, 27, of Tomlin Drive, Margate, was arrested there and then. Police say a search of his house turned up drug gear.

Jones has been remanded in custody.

Smash chaos on Thanet Way

A SECTION of the A299 Thanet Way was closed on Monday morning after an accident in wintry weather.

There were long tailbacks in the St Nicholas-at-Wade area after a Peugeot 206 hit the central reservation barrier on the London-bound A299.

A Renault car then hit the Peugeot.

The female driver of the Peugeot and the man driving the Renault had treatment by ambulance staff for minor injuries.

The incident caused large queues as the road had to be partly closed to allow for the vehicles to be recovered and drivers were re-routed.

Woman hurt in car accident

AN ELDERLY woman suffered a broken leg and stomach injuries after a car accident in Minster Road, Westgate.

The 80-year-old was flown to King's College Hospital in London by Kent Air Ambulance. Her injuries are believed to be life-threatening.

Police were called at 11.20am on Friday last week to a reported accident.

Minster Road and Linksfield Road were closed to allow for Kent Police's serious collision investigation unit to make enquiries.

Drivers were re-routed around Westgate.

Witnesses to the accident are asked to phone police on 01622 690690.

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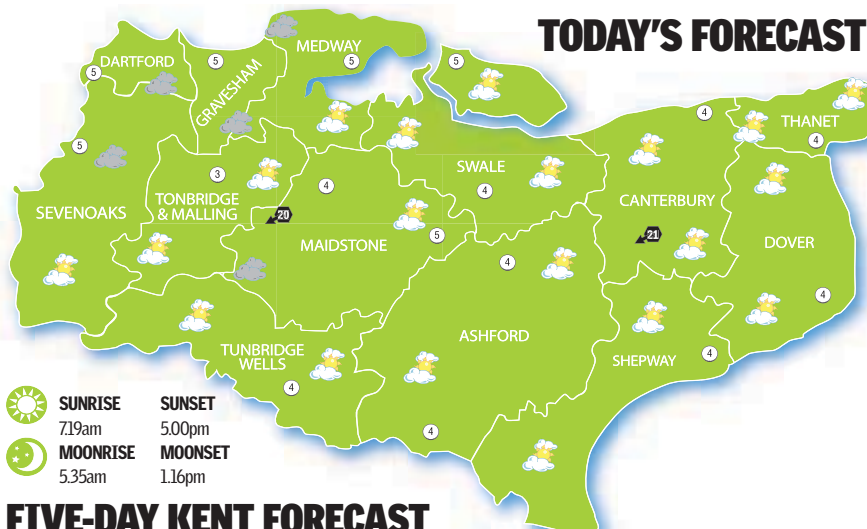
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	Sunday	11:27am	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:48am	6.9m
	Sunday	11:24am	7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:25am	4.7m
	Sunday	11:57am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:32pm	5.5m
	Sunday	1:05pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:44pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:11pm	5.0m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	-4°C	Madrid	9°C
Athens	10°C	New York	-2°C
Barcelona	9°C	Paris	4°C
Beijing	0°C	Rome	9°C
Bombay	29°C	Sydney	27°C
Cape Town	27°C	Tenerife	22°C
Cardiff	3°C	Tokyo	8°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	7°C
Hong Kong	20°C	Warsaw	-7°C
Las Palmas	22°C	Wellington	16°C

Greenhouse site is cool as a cucumber over early harvest

PAINTER JW Turner once said that the skies above Thanet were the "loveliest in all of Europe". But it seems that it is not just the art world that owes a debt to the light above the isle.

The first haul of 2010 cucumbers has been harvested from the giant greenhouse complex of Thanet Earth, near Monkton.

The crop hit supermarkets a month earlier than usual and is the first in the country.

Steve McVickers, managing director of Thanet Earth, said: "It's down to the superb light levels in Thanet. Production levels have surpassed our best estimates. The light levels have been in excess of our prediction and this part of Kent seems to have escaped much of the extreme bad weather seen over the year."

Production

"We're very pleased that the perfect growing conditions we have at Thanet Earth have made it possible for us to bring forward the traditional British cucumber season."

"Our cucumbers will be labelled as being from Thanet Earth, with production increasing each week – so if you can't find them in a store near you at first, they should appear there before too long."

The cucumbers will be supplied to Asda, Tesco and farmers' markets straight away, with other retailers such as Marks and Spencer and Sainsbury's added to the customer list in the coming weeks.

The level of harvest is low at the moment, but Thanet Earth is the first producer in the country to be able to sell the vegetables *en masse*.

Last summer enough cucumbers were grown in a one-week period to stretch to Trafalgar Square and back if placed end-to-end. Tomatoes and peppers are also grown at the site.

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

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QUESTION & ANSWER

COLIN ROUSE



Q How long have you been interested in sports, Colin?

A I have been interested in sport for as long as I can remember, especially as I grew up around football. As well as playing for my local youth clubs, such as Margate and Ramsgate youth, there was nothing I liked more than a kick-about on the green with my mates. I also loved school tournaments and competitions.

Q How did you become involved in your current role and what does it cover?

A I started working for Thanet council's sports development team in 2008, initially part-time, supporting the summer holiday sports programme. I was also studying a part-time degree in sports and exercise science.

I am now full-time, with my main role to improve the awareness and development of active recreation within Thanet. I also work with sports clubs to help them achieve Clubmark accreditation. Other initiatives focus on coach education and developing volunteer opportunities within sport.

Finally, I work on events, from community days to nationally-recognised sports events, such as the Margate Masters national beach volleyball.

Q Do you feel that the initiatives you run make a difference to isle life and people's lives (and if so, how?)

A The council's sports development team has a proven track record of improving the

awareness of sports opportunities and initiatives within our district. We have established projects such as Sport 4 NRG, which works with young people to divert them away from antisocial behaviour through sport.

We also work with other organisations through the Thanet Sports Network to promote sport and healthy initiatives and we work closely with local leisure centres.

Thanet has some great clubs and some talented athletes representing the county. We have also been selected as a potential training camp for the London 2012 games, with Margate main sands a potential training venue for Olympic volleyball stars.

Q The Thanet Mile is coming up – what is it all about and why should people get involved?

A The Thanet Mile is an event that we are running in partnership with Sainsbury's Thanet as part of Sport Relief. We want the community to get together to raise money for the Sport Relief campaign and also try to involve those who do not normally take part in physical activity. The event at the Marlowe community athletics track is also to promote what we as a team and other organisations can offer in Thanet.

Unfortunately, the only running I will be doing is making sure the event runs smoothly. Information and details of how to register for the event can be found at www.sportrelief.com/the-mile/thanet-mile

Q Do you find your job rewarding?

A Most definitely. I enjoy every aspect of my role, from coaching within the community to helping improve the development of clubs and coaches. I especially love the events we run. I have also met Linford Christie and Darren Campbell, who I grew up watching on TV. I never thought that my role would allow me to meet such sports stars, but working in sport enables you to meet some very high-profile people.

Q What is the Street Hoops initiative all about?

A Street Hoops is an event that we launched in 2008. It aims to develop basketball in Thanet by providing fun events, blending music and sport. It's for anyone aged 11 and over to turn up and try out basketball – it doesn't focus on ability or competition but allows people to simply play for fun. On some occasions we also invite the Street Ball Extreme Team, who are some of the world's top freestylers. This type of event also gives young people the chance to play basketball in a safe and fun environment.

Q Who are your sporting heroes?

A I would have to say Eric Cantona. As well as being a great player, he also had a great passion for the game.

Q & A

The sports development assistant with Thanet council talks to **Tom Betts** about his role of developing sport and recreation, the many rewarding aspects of his job and his sporting hero, former footballer Eric Cantona

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Specialist advisor to help sexually-abused children



SUPPORT: The Young Person's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor will help to give abused children a voice

Grant will provide dedicated support for young rape victims

■ BY **MARIJKE COX**

A CHARITY supporting Kent's victims of rape and sexual violence has secured funding for Britain's first-ever children's independent advisor.

The new position means young people who have suffered abuse at the hands of rapists and paedophiles can access specialist, confidential support solely for youngsters.

Gravesend-based Family Matters was able to make the provision thanks to a grant of £64,000 from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.

Malcolm Gilbert, operations director at the charity, said the new Young Person's Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (YP-ISVA) was vital.

He said: "Of the 200 rape victims we see, a quarter are aged 12 to 16.

"By offering this help we are filling a gap which has never been done before for children."

Mr Gilbert added that as well as

being awarded the grant, the partnership between Family Matters, the Crown Prosecution Service and Kent Police through the Kent Criminal Justice Board had made real changes to victim support.

The organisations are also working with the UK Border Agency to help deal with young girls who have been trafficked for the sex trade.

Rebecca Masey, who has taken on the YP-ISVA position, will offer tailored support to children and young people who have suffered rape or sexual abuse and act as a gateway to the charity's therapy service.

Risk assessments will take place to ensure further victimisation is stopped. The focus will be on hard-to-reach groups and youngsters less likely to come forward for help. Close family members of victims will also receive support.

Deputy Chief Constable Adrian

Leppard, who chairs the Kent Criminal Justice Board, said he was sure that the specialist service would also help secure convictions.

"Through this role, vulnerable and emotionally-scarred children will get more of the help and support they need and deserve," he said.

One person who knows only too well the need for services like Family Matters is 24-year-old Sarah (not her real name).

Last August she was raped by two men after her drink was spiked. Speaking about her ordeal to KOS Media, she said she would not have been able to cope had it not been for the Adults' Independent Sexual Violence Advisor.

"It's important children are helped too," she said. "I wouldn't have been able to get through this without the counselling.

"I would just say to anybody, don't hide it. Come forward and get help."

For more information, go to www.familymattersuk.org.

Artefacts saved as fire museum made homeless

THE Kent fire service museum urgently needs a new home.

Fire chiefs have reluctantly been forced to move it from their Maidstone headquarters and are now hunting for a new location to house the collection.

Fire service historian Roger Mardon, from Canterbury, said he was sad about the closure but delighted his campaign to keep the collection together had been successful.

He said: "In my view, the museum should preferably be maintained at service headquarters, but if that were not to be it is important to preserve the collection intact.

"There was unanimous support [at the Kent Fire and Rescue Authority's planning and performance committee] for the principle of keeping the collection together.

"A project team, including representatives of the interested parties, is to be established to develop plans for a virtual [online] museum and for rehousing the artefacts.

"Committee chairman Keith Ferrin made it clear it was not the intention to close the existing museum straight away and he undertook that everything possible would be done to rehouse the collection in one place.

"While it is disappointing the museum will have to move, I am encouraged by the support for keeping the collection together. Every effort must be made to find somewhere this can be done."

The museum opens one day a week and includes artefacts including videos of fire, photographs and a hollowed-out tree trunk used as a water main.

A fire service spokesman said: "We have teams of staff who need to be located at our HQ to run the service and we do not have room to house them.

"This means we have to look at all options and freeing up space taken up by the museum has to be considered."



HISTORY: This Bromley steamer is one of many fascinating artefacts to be seen at the museum

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Homes should cash in by generating their own electricity

DEMAND for solar panels is set to soar after the Government announced a support scheme allowing householders to make an income from generating their own power, a renewable-energy researcher has predicted, *writes Jenna Pudelek*.

Kent Green Party member Steve Plater said he was planning to install a photovoltaic (PV) system on the roof of his Sevenoaks home that will convert solar radiation into enough electricity to meet three-quarters of his needs and save about £500 a year in energy bills.

Energy and climate change secretary Ed Miliband unveiled the new scheme this week; it will see 'feed-in tariffs' (FITs) paid to people, com-

munities and businesses who generate electricity from solar panels, wind turbines or other renewable sources.

PV panels on household roofs will get a higher feed-in tariff and all will be up-rated with inflation each year.

Mr Plater said that after his system was installed he would make about £1,000 a year in payments as a result.

"Anyone who has got money sitting in a building society account would get a much better return by investing it in solar electricity," he said.

The Government said the sector would supply two per cent of the UK's electricity by 2020.

However, the Conservative Party and environmental campaigners

have said the announcement lacks ambition.

Shadow energy and climate change secretary Greg Clark, the MP for Tunbridge Wells, said: "FITs are essential to allow decentralised energy to play a major role in our energy mix, but Labour's proposals lack ambition."

"Ministers should have been bolder with this scheme so more jobs could have been created and greater emissions reductions achieved."

Mr Plater, who gives talks about microgeneration of renewable energy across Kent, said: "It is really not ambitious enough – Germany already generates two per cent of its electricity from solar."

"The key point about renewable energy and energy efficiency is they go together and you can deploy them in hundreds of thousands of places very quickly."

"It is much quicker than building huge power stations – nuclear or coal takes years and years and they are not going to help us achieve climate-change targets by 2020."

"And we are the last major country in Europe to bring FITs in. Germany has had one since 2000."

However, Mr Plater thought that FITs would make renewable energy systems such as PV panels more attractive to householders.

"There are other reasons people want it, but clearly money is an

important driver – being able to finance it matters and also feeling independent from energy companies.

"If you can generate three-quarters of electricity from your own roof you largely escape future price rises."

Initial installation costs were high, with panels costing £5,000 per kilowatt of capacity, he said.

People can receive grants from the Energy Saving Trust's low-carbon building scheme, but only until March this year. However, with the feed-in tariff income, and saving on electricity bills, it makes an attractive tax-free return on investment of eight to 10 per cent, which is better than most forms of savings account, the Kent Green Party said.



HEROES: The SSFA is celebrating its 125th anniversary and wants your help to raise funds for ex-service personnel

125th birthday appeal to help Armed Forces

AN ORGANISATION that helps Armed Forces personnel is 125 years old this year.

The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) helps those currently in the military and servicemen who have left and are in need.

The Kent branch has unveiled a special campaign – SSAFA 125 – which is being launched with a service of celebration at Westminster Abbey on Thursday, February 18.

Suresh Khanna, the county's director of public affairs for the group, said: "To mark our 125th anniversary we are launching Target 125 and asking everyone to 'Be a Hero' and raise £125 for SSAFA Forces Help in 2010."

Adapted

"Every contribution will help us to meet our pledge to support our troops and their families, now and for the rest of their lives."

"As the number of fatalities and serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan continues to rise, SSAFA's family-support groups are playing a vital role in helping relatives come to terms with loss and life-changing injuries."

"To date, 254 British servicemen and women have lost their lives in Afghanistan and this number increases by the day."

He said almost every parish in Kent had a connection with the Armed Forces so it was important to raise as much money as possible to provide service personnel with assistance.

He said: "Working in extremely dangerous and challenging circumstances, SSAFA Forces Help continues to provide our servicemen and women and their families with the practical support they need."

"Over the course of more than a century SSAFA has adapted and evolved to meet the changing needs of our Armed Forces."

The organisation was founded in 1885 to support troops and families of the second

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

expeditionary force to Egypt. One of its current patrons is Prince Michael of Kent.

As well as fatalities, many servicemen and women return home from war zones seriously wounded.

SSAFA's two recently-opened Norton Homes, in Birmingham and Ashstead, Surrey, allow injured troops to spend time with their loved ones away from the hospital environment where they are being treated, giving them the opportunity to do normal family things such as eat a meal together or simply watch a film.

David Culmer, chairman of the south-east London branch, said: "In Bromley and Bexley we are running events throughout the year – look out for our flag day on February 13 in supermarkets, our quiz night for Heroes on May 14, and our band concert in October."

To help, go to www.ssafa125.org.uk or phone the Kent county secretary on 01580 891507.

• A castle ball is being held at Lympne Castle on Saturday, February 27, to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity.

Party-goers can explore the entire castle and tuck into a curry feast and crêperie. There will also be a live jazz band followed by a disco in the castle's grand ballroom.

Being raffled and auctioned on the night will be a pair of Andy Murray-signed shorts, artwork signed by the Kaiser Chiefs and signed CDs from Tom Jones, Sting and The Stereophonics, plus other celebrity items.

The chairy has donated more than £23 million to help servicemen and women since its conception.

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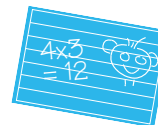
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BREAK TIME

Volunteering work wins recognition

ISLE MP Dr Steve Ladyman visited St Peter in Thanet CE junior school to present it with an award for its pioneering work with volunteers.

Following presentations by a representative from Volunteer England, ex-pupils, staff, governors and volunteers, Dr Ladyman presented Caroline da Costa, volunteer coordinator, with a plaque in recognition of the school's achievement.

Mrs da Costa said: "Our volunteers are hugely important to us and it is good to know that our work with them has been recognised."

The volunteers include scientists, musicians, artists, gardeners, motivational speakers and those who help with reading, writing and maths.

School celebrates hitting high mark

STAFF, students and governors at King Ethelbert School are delighted after it was judged to be "outstanding" by inspectors.

The Birchington school was given the highest mark possible by the official school inspection board Ofsted. It follows an outstanding mark in 2006.

The school was placed in the Government's National Challenge scheme in 2008, meaning 30 per cent of its students gained five A* to C grade at GCSE, including English and maths.

The school made headlines in August when it improved from 14 per cent of students reaching this to 34 per cent, the second biggest improvement in the country.

Project gets pupils animated about future opportunities

■ BY TOM BETTS

AN ANIMATED film that gives young people hints on how to set up their own business has been made by a combined team of students from three schools.

The team members from Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy, Chatham House Grammar and Clarendon House Grammar have joined forces to complete the project.

Bruce Healy, leading art teacher at the Marlowe, said: "This is part of a schools project involving a company, Animate And Create, which specialises in animated film production, to illustrate opportunities for children after school. But the films are being made by the children themselves."

Dan Richards, the creative director of Whitstable-based Animate And Create, is acting as workshop director for the various projects.

He said: "The programme is called getting animated for work. A series of films is being produced aimed at school-leavers and explaining why it is important to stay on in education, giving tips on courses and how to get a job."

"Every secondary school in Thanet is involved in the project, which is funded by Kent County Council's Extended Services."

"Here at the Marlowe we have a team of 12 – six art and media students from the academy and six arts students each from Chatham House and Clarendon – making, in five days, an animated film about starting up a business. The students from the three schools have worked and got on very well together."

The film characters include Morph-like Plasticine people which each took students



PICTURE THIS: Animate And Create has been producing a film to inspire children with the help of students themselves

four hours to make and also cut-outs in a similar style to old Paddington Bear animations.

In addition, students helped devise scripts and soundtracks.

The animated film is captured on special cameras shooting 25 pictures a second.

Mr Richards, whose company works with schools and other organisations and groups throughout the South East, said: "The facilities at the Marlowe Academy are the best I've seen. They are in the top, top end, which all schools should be like."

The Marlowe, Chatham House and Clarendon House film production will have a private screening at the Marlowe Academy in February.

Films from all Isle secondary-school production teams will have a gala public showing at

the Marlowe Academy towards the end of April.

An animated film made at Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy by former art student Kelly Palmer, 19, was screened at a film festival in Bradford.

Kelly's film Victims, about the victims of Jack The Ripper, although set in modern times, was shown as part of the Co-operative Young Film-Makers' Festival in October 2008 at a 300-seat cinema in the National Media Museum in the Yorkshire city.

Former Marlowe sixth-former Kelly gained an unconditional place at the nationally-acclaimed Farnham campus of University College For The Creative Arts, where she is studying animation.

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Campaigner Ray Duff looks back over a year of highs and lows for the world's gay people



Let's all take pride in progress while battling to beat hatred

FEBRUARY is LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month. Life is improving for gay people, but vigilance and action are still needed.

This year, on the plus side, Kent Police, with whom I have liaised for ten years or so, have achieved ninth place on the recent Stonewall (gay rights group) best employers list, having revised and improved their efforts.

Kent County Council has organised a same-sex holding-hands photo exhibition at County Hall involving locals and youngsters.

Many libraries have LGBT books and DVDs available and I urge people, gay or straight, to take them out. All this helps to move things on even further from the bad old days of local Section 28 policies and so on.

Kent Fire and Rescue have also been active, both at Gay Pride events and in advertising their services and vacancies in gay magazines.

Pride In Canterbury is having another history-month event in the city on Wednesday, February 10, with a talk on pride and politics.

Thanet Gay Pride is set for Saturday, July 17, in Margate, and this will be advertised soon.

On the downside, there is the four-fold increase in attacks on minority groups, including gays, across the UK.

The recent conviction of a man in Bromley for a murderous attack on a gay couple shows both the risks that gay people still face and the action that can be taken. The murderer received a 32-year sentence.

I urge all LGBT people to continue to report any attacks and abuse – physical or verbal – on the freephone link, 0800 328 9162.

There are varied reports from across the world. China instituted gay cafés and almost allowed a gay pageant, but this was stopped by police over supposed procedural matters.

In Mumbai, India, things appear to be slowly improving, but in Africa it's far worse for LGBT people, especially in Uganda, Malawi

and Nigeria – although Rwanda and South Africa may be brighter spots.

Peter Tatchell, a friend, and people around the world, including many politicians, have been campaigning against the hatred that can be inspired both by old colonial laws and religion.

The Pope – who I believe is homophobic – is due in the UK in September and will address both houses of Parliament.

It is likely that many groups, including gays and women, will be outside wanting a word about his and the Catholic Church's opposition to progress on many social and sexuality issues.

Lastly, a history note: it was a gay 'genius', Professor Alan Turing, who not only cracked the Nazi Enigma Code but went on to be the 'father' of both modern computing science and chaos theory.

He died, aged 44, due to 1950s homophobia.

What else might he have achieved had we been as enlightened then as we are now?

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TALK TIME

ANDY SCOTT-CLARK

The deputy director of public health talks about his job and how health chiefs decide on what to spend their £1.2 billion budget



Tell us a little bit about yourself

I have worked in public health since 1996. I was appointed director of public health for Swale Primary Care Trust in 2002 and took over the role of deputy director of public health for NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent on its inception on October 1, 2006.

I have a masters degree in public health and am listed on the UK public health register. I was born in New Zealand and I trained as a pharmacist in Wellington. I came to England in 1986 and, like many Kiwis, never made it back.

What's the population, geographical area and budget of NHS Eastern and Coastal?

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YOUR LETTERS

Inglorious episode will all end in tears

WHEN I read last week's story regarding the tumultuous decision by Gerry O'Donnell not to stand as a Parliamentary candidate, I didn't know whether to laugh or cry with laughter.

As John McEnroe said on the tennis court: "You cannot be serious". Mr O'Donnell's career in local politics has been one of abject failure on most events he has been associated with.

He failed to mention in his list of achievements Thanet Tomorrow, which fell at the first fence, while he does not mention Ramsgate First, which seems to be still in the long grass.

He mentions the petition for Ramsgate Town Council, which, though successful in its referendum, was to me like the 'dodgy dossier', claiming things it could not support – for example, having control over planning decisions.

Mr O'Donnell says he dislikes district councils – yet has stood as a candidate in at least one election and was well beaten on his home turf. So he goes off and proposes a back door to election through the very expensive procedure of a new town council.

The highlight, though, of his political career could have been when he had the chance to prove his independence for Ramsgate.

Albion House was on the town council agenda and the best way of saving its use was to preserve a presence there of the mayor and the civic side of Ramsgate through the occupation of Albion House. What does he do for this



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momentous decision? Votes with the Labour group alongside the other 'independent', Ralph Houlst, to abandon Albion House and go to new offices at Custom House.

I fought long and hard for the outcome of the ground floor of

Albion House being kept for public and civic usage – but felt kicked in the teeth when all the protestations to keep Albion House in some capacity were abandoned in one stroke by all the town councillors who had it

in their power to achieve the result they claimed to want.

I am pleased that we had the support of the Conservative group on the town council, but in the long term I think you will find Ramsgate Town Council an expensive luxury that taxpayers will come to regret.

Cllr John Kirby (Conservative)

Thanet council, Cliffsend and Pegwell ward

Death knell sounds

I WAS appalled that despite promises made by some members of the new Ramsgate Town Council, the full council meeting of Monday, February 1, saw the wishes of the people of Ramsgate once again ignored and part of our rich heritage put at risk.

I refer to the decision to relocate the town council offices to the newly-refurbished Custom House on Harbour Parade.

A decision made largely, it would appear, not for the benefit of taxpayers, but because of its spanking new offices for the mayor and town clerk and alleged IT capabilities.

Unquestionably the developer of Custom House has made a magnificent effort to return the building to its former glory.

However, this does not diminish the betrayal of Ramsgate's electorate in potentially giving up the long-standing association the town has had with Albion House.

It will probably also signal the death knell for the beautiful Georgian building, as we know it, with its royal associations and which has for so long stood as the civic heart of the town, overlooking Ramsgate and its harbour.

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that the Conservative group on the town council voted unanimously to keep the building as the home of the town council and mayor's parlour.

Both the Labour group and the two independents, with the sole (brave) exception of ex-mayor Steve Ward, voted for the move, only stopping to make a token gesture by way of a resolution to "enter into immediate negotiations with Thanet council to secure the restoration and public use of Albion House".

At best this may mean housing a museum in the building. Albion House should be retained in perpetuity for the people of Ramsgate.

It is symbolic of the town's past but, more than this, as the home of the town council it would have symbolised the potential for the town's rebirth and the great future it still has; it is sad to think that it will potentially have its heart and soul ripped out by developers.

I hope the people of Ramsgate will remember this betrayal when making their choices for town and district councils next spring.

Cllr David Carr (Conservative)
Ramsgate Town Council

Betrayal of town

At the February 1 meeting of Ramsgate Town Council, residents

were betrayed for 30 pieces of silver in the form of shiny new offices at Custom House.

The developer deserves credit for an excellent restoration, but I believe the decision will mean the death knell of any hope of retaining a public presence at a restored Albion House.

It is on record that as recently as December at a meeting of Thanet council, mayor David Green called for the resignation of councillor John Kirby, who incidentally facilitated the plans to be drawn up to enable Ramsgate Town Council to continue with its occupancy of the ground floor and basement of Albion House for the foreseeable future.

Within weeks, following a biased report, we were informed the mayor had 'chosen' his new office at Custom House in advance of the matter being discussed by the town council. I believe that is called hypocrisy.

The Conservative group voted unanimously to keep the town council at Albion House but was outvoted by Labour and the two independents, Ralph Houlton and Gerry O'Donnell, despite their pre-election promises to keep Albion House safe for the town council.

Only former mayor Steve Ward stuck to his principles and voted with us to stay at Albion House.

A further resolution was passed to

enter into negotiations with Thanet council to secure the restoration and public use of Albion House.

This is on the pretext that it can be adapted for either community use or a museum. The same arguments, on the grounds of unsuitability of layout and costs, used for the relocation can be used against retaining the building.

Museums are not viable without substantial patronage, which is not likely to be forthcoming at a time when existing museums are struggling. Either proposition would need to be heavily subsidised by taxpayers.

Cllr Jill Kirby (Conservative)
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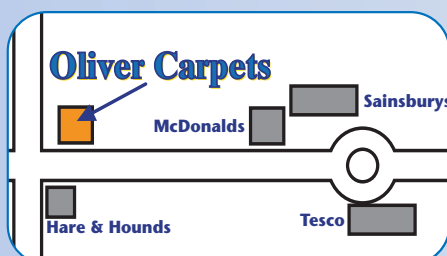
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Hip-hop title up for grabs, and ShyChlo is in running



■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

WHEN grime star Lady Sovereign entered the Big Brother house last month she left her 'queen of UK hip-hop' title and arguably her credibility at the door.

Pretenders to the throne are now intent on climbing the charts and claiming her crown.

One such would-be queen is Canterbury MC/writer/producer ShyChlo.

The 22-year-old has drawn the interest of a number of industry movers and shakers since bursting on to the live scene in 2008 and looks certain to draw more attention with the release of her debut single Mental Confusion later this year.

ShyChlo said her success was down to her lyrics, which go beyond the tired hip-hop subjects of guns and violence.

"I just write and say what I feel, going beyond the glitz and glamour of the stereotypical 'rags to riches' hip-hop, and focusing on issues like the struggles and peer pressures of today's youth – politics, religion and personal insecurities."

ShyChlo is something of a genre merger, drawing influences from UK hip-hop, rock, punk and funk.

It's this fusion that saw new independent record label Flickfinger Records sign up the young artist.

Co-founder Kieron Corcoran said: "ShyChlo has a very clever mix of UK hip-hop, rock and other musical styles."

"Her sound isn't affected by the US hip-hop scene and so it's unique."



LINE-UP: MC Devlin (above) and rapper XO Man (right) will be supporting ShyChlo (left) at the Hazlitt Theatre this weekend



"She's got a lot of great feedback through the Myspace page and the fanbase is growing really quickly."

ShyChlo will perform at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on Friday, backed by her four-piece band.

Support on the night comes from Hugo Urban Rules-winning rapper XO Man and Dagenham-born grime MC Devlin.

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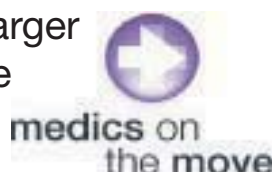
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It is the start of an exciting day in Toy Town because there is a special event lined up for the residents. Noddy and Tessie Bear are planning a sing-along, dance-along party.

The only people who are not welcome are the two naughty goblins, Sly and Gobbo, who cannot be trusted to behave well and not try to spoil everyone's enjoyment.

Armed with the Sound Sucker, another bizarre machine from Goblin Gizmos, the naughty pair set out to ruin the party. But their wicked plans could yet be thwarted by Noddy, who is determined to keep an eye on the goblins and make sure the day is not spoiled.

All the popular residents of Toy Town appear in the 90-minute show, including Mr Plod, Whiz the Robot, Bumpy Dog and Noddy's best friend,

Big Ears. Together they invite all the children to take part in a fun-filled adventure that provides a great introduction to live theatre.

Noddy made his first appearance in 1949 and became an icon of children's literature, providing the perfect way for youngsters to discover Blyton's writing. During the 20-year period between his creation and Blyton's death, 154 books featuring Noddy were produced and there was a wealth of Noddy merchandise for fans to buy, from Noddy toothbrushes and soap to nightdresses and bedside lights.

The Noddy Live show can be seen at the Central Theatre, Chatham, on Sunday, February 21; the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, on Monday, April 12, and the Woodville Halls, Gravesend on Thursday, June 3.



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Barclay has great fun portraying his personal favourite, Two Ton Tessie O'Shea, and audiences are sure to be caught up in this afternoon of fantastic entertainment.

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Two for price of one as Cera tackles double role

■ BY KATE WHITING

YOUTH In Revolt stars one of Hollywood's up-and-coming stars in Michael Cera, who's made his name through a string of geeky roles in Juno, Superbad and last year's Nick And Norah's Infinite Playlist.

At 21, Cera is no newcomer to the big screen – he's been acting since he was nine – but it was his role as High School student father Paulie Bleeker in Juno that made critics take notice. He was even nominated last year for the Bafta Orange Rising Star Award.

In Youth In Revolt, he plays strait-laced teen Nick Twisp, who has a taste for the finer things in life like Sinatra and Fellini.

On a family holiday, he falls for free-spirited Sheeni who eggs him on to create a rebellious French alter ego: Francois. Sporting a moustache and smoking, Francois takes Nick in an outrageous new direction, as he tries to win Sheeni's love.

Canadian Cera had long been a fan of author C.D. Payne, who wrote the book Youth In Revolt: The Journals Of Nick Twisp, on which the film is based, and was signed up to the project before Juno and Superbad even hit our screens.

"The book is really funny. It's got a really unique voice and it's gigantic, it takes months to read if you're a slow reader. I was around the age of Nick when I read it and I completely related to it," says Cera, with a half-smile.

"I related to the agony of not knowing what's going on and being obsessed with a girl and not having any control, which Payne wrote really perfectly."



ALTER EGO: Michael Cera as French Francois

When Nick meets Sheeni, he's feeling completely disillusioned about his mundane existence. Cera explains: "Nick doesn't have a great home life. His parents are divorced, his mother has an idiot boyfriend and his life is stagnant. He meets this girl who blows his mind and he feels he has to hang on to her."

Cera reportedly split from his actress girlfriend Charlyne Yi last summer after they co-

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starred in indie project Paper Heart. He says he can relate to the 'torment' Nick suffers through his love for the mysterious Sheeni.

"You never know what she feels about you or what she's really thinking. She's such a puzzle. That's really what I loved about the character. She's so well-depicted in the book."

Despite having to play two very different characters in the same film, Cera insists he didn't find this difficult. In fact, he loved the opportunity to play a naughty version of Nick.

"It was just a lot of fun to play. I wouldn't say it was hard, except for the technical tricks of it. I can't think of any challenges, except for trying to figure out how to play Francois initially, and what the voice was going to be like."

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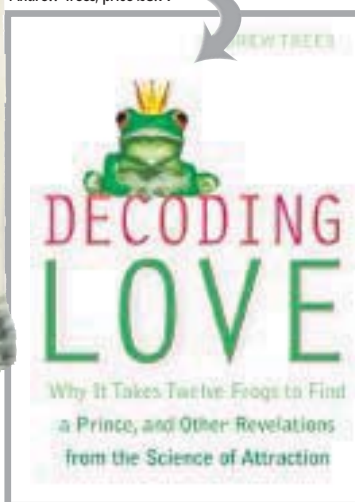
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Square catwalk will put a big spring in your step

IDEAS for a spring makeover can be found at County Square shopping centre in Ashford at the weekend.

On Saturday there will be four funky shows taking place on the catwalk in the main mall, outside Costa Coffee, in which the latest looks for women, men and children will be displayed.

The shows start at 11.30am, 1pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. For more information, visit www.countysquashopping-centre.com.

What a sparkling treat for that romantic day

ANYONE who has left buying their Valentine gift until the last minute could find help at Magnolia Jewellery in Tunbridge Wells.

The shop in Royal Victoria Place offers an express gift service and its style experts will make sure you leave with exactly the right present for your partner, beautifully wrapped within five minutes.

Magnolia has unveiled its special Heart Collection just for Valentine's Day. Find out more at the shop, or call 01892 546103.

Desserts will put loved ones high on cloud nine

SAY it with meringues this Valentine's Day by treating your object of desire to a mouthwatering dessert.

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The shop at Whitstable Harbour Village will reopen on Saturday, March 20.

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YOUR Valentine will be tickled pink with a Breast Cancer Campaign Wrappz gadget cover.

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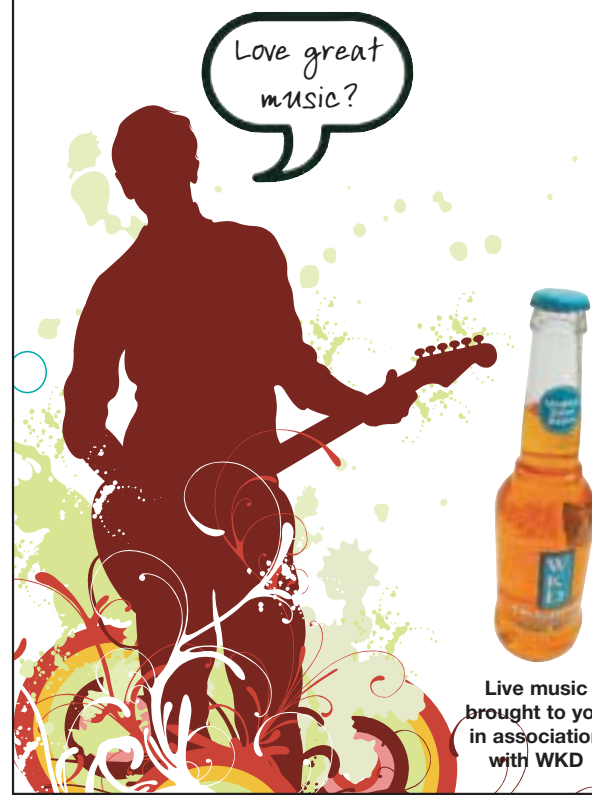
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Tenerife is your paradise found

■ BY HANNAH STEPHENSON

TENERIFE is known as a tourist hot spot sullied by over-development and bad behaviour by visitors.

The island, however, wants a new reputation to lure discerning travellers to its sun-kissed shores.

The largest of the Canary Islands off the coast of north-west Africa, this Spanish isle has a temperate climate year round, rivalling destinations like Dubai and The Gambia for weather, with shorter flights from Britain.

A smattering of exclusive hotels is emerging on the west coast, far from the all-night partying of Playa de las Americas and neighbouring Los Cristianos, where apartments go so far inland they swamp the surrounding hills.

Away from all that is the five-star Sensatori Resort on the outskirts of the village of Alcala, further up the coast, around 10 minutes' drive from the dramatic cliffs of Los Gigantes in the west.

It's here that I discovered a true taste of paradise, taking in the stunning 260m infinity pool, the largest in Europe, the shimmering Atlantic and the neighbouring island of La Gomera.

At Sensatori, the stunning rooms, marble flooring, sparkling chandeliers, fountains, designer decor and dramatic sculptures can take your breath away.

Bag a villa in its Red Level area and you get a butler and private pool within your tropical garden, and an outdoor double bed under a thatched canopy.

At the Sensatori's Michelin-starred Calima restaurant, where chef Dani Garcia is a bit of a celebrity, our 12-course taster menu began with delicious dry-ice cocktails and included delicacies such as foie gras, oysters and truffle cake, accompanied by fine wines, some produced locally.

But it's not only the hotels that are falling over backwards to spruce up this island.

Connection

Last year, Siam Park, a water park, opened in the south, boasting the biggest artificial waves in the world at nearly 10ft high. Its surrounding beach is created with tons of silky white sand imported from Portugal.

We hired a private cabana with in the park, with its own balcony overlooking the wave pool, to allow us the luxury of a safe TV, DVD and Wi-Fi connection, plus mini-bar, comfortable loungers and an outside shower. If you want a similar package for four, including entrance, fast-track queuing and limited all-inclusive deal in restaurants and bars, it costs a cool 400 euros (£360).

Ecological measures are also being stepped up to save what is left of Tenerife's natural beauty.

Nearly a decade ago, virtually anyone could – and did – take a



LAP OF LUXURY: Enjoy some sun-kissed serenity at the Sensatori Resort near Alcala

boat from Los Cristianos to watch whales and dolphins. Many beautiful creatures were surrounded by boats, with tourists happily snapping away.

Under new rules, boats must be licensed and are carefully monitored to stop whales and dolphins from becoming distressed. The marine guide on our charter said

that this had driven away unscrupulous operators.

Tenerife is still home to all-night party-goers, English pubs and bacon-and-eggs breakfasts after a heavy night.

But if all you want is peace, quiet and serenity in the ultimate tropical setting all year, it may be closer than you ever imagined.

FACT FILE: TENERIFE

Time difference	0 hours (GMT)
Language	Spanish
Capital	Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Population	900,000
Currency	Euro
Religion	Catholic

Travel Facts

Hannah Stephenson was a guest of Thomson Holidays, which offers seven nights' full board at five-star Sensatori Tenerife in 2010 from £758 per adult (two sharing), including flights ex-Gatwick, transfers and fuel supplement.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

COMING OF AGE BBC Three, 10.30pm, Tuesday

IF ever there was a TV show from which not to take a comedic lead, then it's the never-not-appalling mess that is *Two Pints Of Lager And A Packet Of Crisps*.

Despite being one of the least funny sit-coms ever made it has now run for eight series, proving that someone out there must be watching it.

I didn't think it was possible for a show to be less funny or more moronic until I saw *Coming Of Age*, the latest BBC Three laugh-free zone, which is undeniably influenced by its bigger brother.

Here we meet our main characters – three lads and two girls who attend the local sixth-form college.

They dress like they've been sponsored by Topshop and talk as if they have been locked in a room listening to Fearnie Cotton since the day they were born.

They think of little else but who's going out with whom, when they are next getting drunk, and, erm... no, actually, that's it.

One recent episode had one of the female leads, a frizzy-haired girl whose name I have blocked out through trauma, boasting of relieving herself in a pub car park because the toilets were locked or blocked.

The pub, by the way, was called *The Beaver* (geddit?!).

I hate this show – it makes me wonder why I am alive.

It is a terrible waste of time and may well have been written by 12-year-olds on their school lunch break between games of *Pokemon* and mouthfuls of cheese strings.

Yet, as much as I hate it, strangely I find myself drawn in.

I wonder if one day it will ever



NO LAUGHING MATTER: Joe Tracini plays DK in BBC Three's so-called sit-com *Coming of Age*

make me laugh, or if I'll ever see the point, or if a plotline will involve any kind of imagination other than the bleedin' obvious.

Three of the characters are just plain annoying, but they seem like two of the screen's great creations when compared with one of the others.

Darren, or DK, is an imbecile of the very highest order.

He's the kind of tracksuited village idiot who goes into a trance when somebody mentions 'boobs' or 'bum' and is what makes the whole sorry affair plunge through the bottom of the barrel and start tunnelling for Australia with a JCB.

I read that the first series of this abomination is available on DVD.

I'm planning to buy a copy and blow it up with TNT.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'LL get a divine opportunity to put your expertise to work this week. If you play your cards right you could become a renowned expert in your field. You have to admit that it will be lovely having your pick of job offers. A best friend or colleague may be jealous of your success.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU could be handed some serious work responsibilities. Although these tasks fall outside of your normal job description, give them a whirl anyway. Your boss will be impressed by your versatility. If you are unemployed, apply for jobs in an entirely new industry.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

A FACT-finding mission helps a good friend with their work. If you see someone struggling, offer to do some research on their behalf. It gives you so much satisfaction to offer practical assistance. It may be hard to control your temper with the person you are helping.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

AN institution or hospital can give you the services you need. It's all a matter of filling out the paperwork properly. If you feel as if you're out of your depth, ask a friend for help. Their advice will be invaluable. Your boss may be putting undue pressure on you to meet a deadline.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

MONEY could be tight this week, which is really frustrating. You may not be able to afford all the things you have planned. Don't make lame excuses; be truthful. Friends won't judge you, but they will offer help, both emotional and financial. Accept the former and refuse the latter.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

AN ability to put your creative talent to practical use helps you to travel or study for very little money. Refrain from telling an authority figure what you really think of their methods. Yes, this person is really full of themselves, but they do have the power to hire or fire you.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

THIS is a good time to make a large-scale purchase of some kind. Your first priority should be finding products that are known to be durable. A flashy status symbol may be a big boost to your ego, but it will also dent your budget. Do a little research into which product is best.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

TAKING a class will put you in contact with influential people. If you long to switch industries, you need to surround yourself with those who can further your interests. An egotistical teacher could rub you the wrong way. Fortunately, you don't have to study with this blowhard.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

PAYING off a debt gives you a feeling of pride. It also helps you to spend more time on the activities you love. In the past you may have had to work a couple of jobs to make ends meet. Now that your financial obligations have been fulfilled you can go back something you enjoy.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

PROVIDING stability for your loved ones is a noble endeavour. As a child, you may have been subject to an adult's wayward ways. Not knowing what was going to happen caused you a great deal of anxiety. Now you have an opportunity to create a nurturing environment for your family.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

ALL your hard work is starting to pay off. Although you may not have followed the most secure route to success, you didn't let that stop you from pursuing your dream. However, now that you've achieved some success, a one-time friend has become jealous.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

MORAL integrity is the cornerstone to your success. While your competitors may cut corners or make false claims to attract business, you refuse to stoop that low. Granted, it may take longer for you to attract business, but eventually the public will recognise that you're the best.

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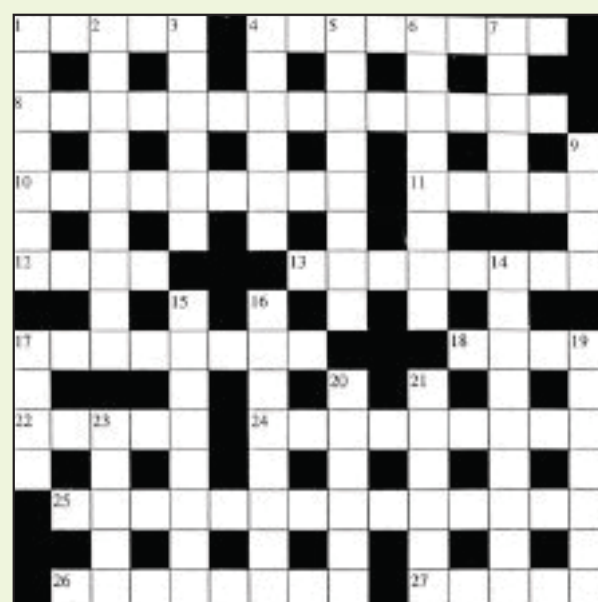
ACROSS

- 1 Greek character thus produced pleasing sounds (5)
- 4 Mabel struggled having endless area to adorn (8)
- 8 Below building basic framework (14)
- 10 Showing layout of 99 matches played (9)
- 11 Didn't have mount for horse show (5)
- 12 Labourer loses five ships (4)
- 13 Patriot said drink must go first (8)
- 17 Question to disappear going round overcome (8)
- 18 English county was familiar in Scotland (4)
- 22 Luxury car encircling one fast car (5)
- 24 Not sure re performing a nice turn (9)
- 25 Market gardening business that is developing (6,8)
- 26 There's no going through it by the way (3-2-3)
- 27 Herb says 'time' (5)

DOWN

- 1 China from SE Nemes (7)
- 2 Secure harbour that's a demilitarised area (4,5)
- 3 Sticky medal in mud (6)
- 4 Being something (6)
- 5 He, mixing with public, found it highly valued (4-4)
- 6 One's second personality to regale monstrosity (5,3)
- 7 In River Soar Edmund rowed (5)
- 9 Habit of refusal? (4)
- 14 At home showing agreement but only roughly (9)
- 15 How Buck dug underground? (8)
- 16 Equivalent US cash Ma exchanged (2,4,2)
- 17 Particularly light? (4)
- 19 Can sort one of the prints (7)
- 20 Railway in dramatic surroundings (6)
- 21 Prince to expel novelist (6)
- 23 Some of decor furnishing island (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Manufacturer (5)
- 4 Fluctuating (8)
- 8 November 5th (3,6,5)
- 10 Bring in (9)
- 11 One from Des Moines perhaps (5)
- 12 Behind time (4)
- 13 Suicidal attack (8)
- 17 Condemn unheard (8)
- 18 Restraint (4)
- 22 Church council (5)
- 24 Underground fighter (9)
- 25 Intellectual nourishment (4,3,7)
- 26 Spawning (anag.) (8)
- 27 Prepared (5)

DOWN

- 1 Fool (7)
- 2 Single operation on typewriter (9)
- 3 Motive (6)
- 4 Stop sleeping (4,2)
- 5 Claviers (anag.) (8)
- 6 Nasal inflammation (8)
- 7 Not at all (5)
- 9 Leg joint (4)
- 14 Columbine (9)
- 15 Blind person's helper (5,3)
- 16 Up a gorge (anag.) (3,5)
- 17 Mail (4)
- 19 Brutal (7)
- 20 Bellringer (6)
- 21 Bower (6)
- 23 Ruth's mother-in-law (OT) (5)

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PROPERTY NEWS



SUCCESS: Hillreed has sold nearly all its properties

Off-plan property sales are through the roof

THERE is nothing a builder likes more than to sell a home before it's actually built, and that's exactly what Hillreed is currently enjoying at Greenway, Kings Hill, near Maidstone.

Dean Markall, sales and marketing director at Hillreed, said: "Such is the desire to purchase property, most of the homes in our 'Farmyard complex' at Greenway, are reserved or sold and that is before we have even got the roofs on."

"Buying off plan enables astute buyers to hold the prices at 2009 levels which make financial sense."

"The building societies are still reporting house prices rising month on month, albeit slowly over November, but nevertheless they are on an upward trajectory. We anticipate a healthy market in 2010 which is great news for those who have already invested in bricks and mortar."

Kent to get extra help to prevent repossessions

A KENT MP has welcomed news of extra government help for those facing repossession.

South Thanet Labour member Dr Steve Ladyman said he was pleased about the extra help to tackle house repossession in Thanet.

John Healey, minister for housing said Thanet is among 56 repossession hot spot areas in the UK being targeted for extra help.

Dr Ladyman said: "I am delighted the minister has recognised the need for extra help for Thanet. Thousands of people have already been helped by the Government at this difficult time but there are still people in Thanet having trouble keeping up the mortgage and good, independent advice is vital for them."

Others areas in Kent to benefit are Dartford, Gravesham and Medway.

Nearly 88,000 people have gone to www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp since its launch in September, over 26,000 of whom have used it to develop personal action plans tailored to their individual circumstances.



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THE FRENCH IDYLL: For many British people the typical rustic French farmhouse remains at the top of their list when they are looking to invest or live in a home abroad



What you should know about buying abroad

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

KENT'S potential investors in overseas properties will do well to check out homes in France and Italy this year as two of the most stable markets.

The National Association of Estate Agents International said that, as always, any potential profits to be made will be down to the strength of sterling.

It said purchasers should look at what it called 'less risky' investments and in particular towards the more stable markets such as France and Italy.

But for the very best bargains, buyers should try Spain or Turkey, where the former has seen spectacular falls in property prices during the past 18 months.

But the association predicts prices will remain stable in the first quarter of 2010, so purchasers should consider making cash offers by March to secure a bargain in any of these countries.

And experts predict the balance of supply and demand will stabilise once house prices pick up and the pound strengthens against the euro.

Linda Travella, spokeswoman on Italy at NAEA International said: "After a slow start to the year, the last quarter of 2009 saw sales and interest returning to the international market, with Italy being considered a safer investment than many other markets around the world."

"As always, the strength of the pound will

have a significant bearing on the quality and quantity of sales, and this year it looks to stay at the same strength."

"Even though the UK appears to have fallen behind other economies in the race out of recession and economic recovery, sterling has held pretty firm against the single European currency, trading two to three cents either side of 1.10 during the second half of last year."

"For the first quarter of 2010 the number of international buyers is expected to remain low and therefore offers are more likely to be accepted making it a very good time to purchase an overseas property."

"However by late spring, property prices are expected to increase by three to five per cent. Key areas to invest in include Tuscany, Le Marche and the Lakes of Maggiore and Garda, where good deals can be found if you buy sensibly."

And Des Rowson, spokesman on Spain, added: "It has seen a difficult 12 months on the sales front as buyers have been particularly reticent about purchasing during an economic downturn."

"Bargains are available but remember, price reflects position and quality. Unfortunately the coming year will not change too much until we see the pound strengthening and clients accepting that the registered agents do know what purchasers are prepared to pay."

Top 10 tips for buying abroad from www.mortgages.co.uk

- Never sign a contract that you do not understand (for example - if it is in a foreign language).
- Seek specialist advice from independent solicitors, architects and surveyors who know the country's laws.
- Ensure you do not inherit a debt on the property before you purchase, which a solicitor should be able to check - some developers borrow money against the plot to raise finance.
- Always give yourself a 'cooling off' period if you see a 'must-have property' and are tempted to put down a deposit.
- If you are arranging finance on the property, ensure in any contract and you have an 'opt-out clause' if a loan is not agreed.
- Try to arrange your mortgage finance 'in principle', before agreeing to purchase the property or pay a deposit.
- Arrange your mortgage in the currency that you earn in where possible, unless you'll receive rental in local currency.
- Think about combining your cash with friends or family: it could bring a villa with pool within your financial reach.
- Check with the estate agent or vendor that you are aware of the costs charged by the legal and government authorities for purchasing a property. Remember that bills do not end at the asking price
- Open a bank account in your chosen country and ensure you get a Certificate of Importation for the money you bring in from your home country. Set up standing orders in a local bank account to meet bills and taxes. Failure in some countries will land you in court.

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Minnis Bay

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- A lot more spacious than you may think....

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- Gardens and garage

.....£165,000



Margate

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- Conservatory
- Kitchen/diner

.....£149,950



Ramsgate

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- Well presented modern 3 bed 2 bathroom home
- Sunny gardens and off street parking

.....£145,000



Margate

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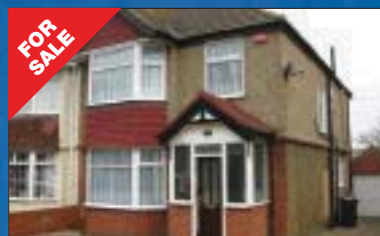
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Ramsgate £133,500

Terraced House, Two Bedrooms, Immaculately Presented, Central Heating, Double Glazing, Popular Location



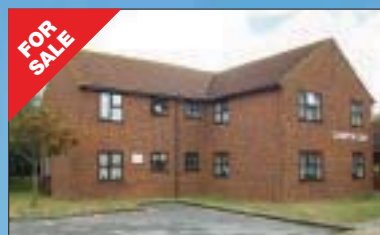
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- Garden



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- Recently Refurbished



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- Garden & Private Parking
- Fantastic Family House



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- Large Garden & Drive
- A Very Impressive Property



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- Osp, Gfch & Sudg



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- Ideal For broadstairs Schools



MARGATE £334,995

- Stunning direct sea views
- Versatile accommodation
- No Forward Chain



RAMSGATE £86,000

- 1 Bedroom Maisonette
- Spacious Living Areas
- Private Entrance



BROADSTAIRS £225,000

- No chain ahead,
- 2 bedrooms,
- Cul de sac setting



BROADSTAIRS £220,000

- Cul-de-sac
- 3 bedrooms
- No chain



BROADSTAIRS £199,950

- Sought after location
- 3 bedrooms
- Garage in block



BROADSTAIRS £279,950

- 5 bed and 2 bathrooms
- Lounge/diner, kitchen
- 75' rear garden, conservatory



WESTBROOK £197,500

- Sought After Family Home
- Three Bedrooms & Conservatory
- No Forward Chain



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £215,000

- Stunningly Refurbished Throughout
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- No Forward Chain



WESTGATE-ON-SEA £99,995

- Sea Front Location
- Two Bedrooms
- No Forward Chain



WESTBROOK £189,995

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- Extended Kitchen Diner
- 3 Bedroom Semi

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Source: net sales figures from Miles & Barr Thanet comparing April-June '08 to April-June '09

WESTGATE-ON-SEA £169,995

- Lovingly Renovated Home
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom



BROADSTAIRS £144,995

- Top Floor Apartment
- Spacious, 19' Lounge
- Allocated Parking Space



CLIFTONVILLE £99,995

- 1 Bedroom Purpose Built Apartment
- Sought After Location, O/S/P
- NO CHAIN!



BROADSTAIRS £229,995

- Contemporary Living, No Chain
- 3 bedrooms, Master En Suite
- Allocated Parking, Modern Kitchen



KINGSGATE £299,995

- Kingsgate Avenue!
- 3 bed Detached Bungalow
- Envious Location



MARGATE £99,995

- 2 bed, purpose built flat
- Ideal BTL
- No Forward Chain



MARGATE £124,995

- Spacious living accommodation
- 3 beds, 2 rec, 1 bath
- Ideal family home



MARGATE £184,995

- Substantial family home
- Close to amenities and sea
- Ideal for a project



MARGATE £249,995

- Stunning family home
- Close to most local amenities
- Superb size accommodation



MARGATE £159,995

- Charming 2 Bed Bungalow
- Quiet Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential



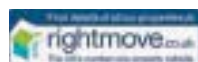
MARGATE £169,995

- Spacious Four Bedrooms
- 19ft Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Excellent Order Throughout!



MARGATE £174,995

- Stunning Two Bed detached
- Immaculate Order Throughout
- Stunning Rural Views!



MARGATE £174,995

- Extended Three Bed Semi
- 65ft Rear Garden
- Immaculate Order Throughout



MARGATE £179,995

- 19th Century Detached Home
- A Wealth of Character
- Immaculate Order Throughout



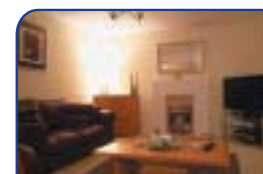
RAMSGATE £139,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Off street parking & garage
- No onward chain



RAMSGATE £185,000

- Detached corner plot bungalow
- Garage, conservatory & gardens
- Good order throughout & no chain



RAMSGATE £275,000

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PALM BAY £279,995

- Six Double Bedrooms
- 23'2 x 17'8 Lounge
- Sea Views



RAMSGATE £165,000

- Three Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Viewing a Must



RAMSGATE £154,995

- Large 4/5 Bedroom
- Versatile Accommodation
- Modernisation Required



BROADSTAIRS £156,950

- 3 bed semi with no chain
- Lounge & kitchen/diner
- Rear garden - Potential off street parking



RAMSGATE £234,995

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- Outstanding Condition
- Fantastic Location



BROADSTAIRS £299,995

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- Large Family Conservatory
- Prime Broadstairs Location



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BIRCHINGTON £227,500

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24hrs

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Source: averaged out from sales agreed in Thanet for April '09 - June '09



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- Quaint & Charming Cottage
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Sought After Location



BIRCHINGTON £110,000

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- 4 Beds & 4 Rec Rooms
- Fine Period Features
- 130"gardens



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- 3 bed detached bungalow
- Long drive to garage
- Good condition throughout



CLIFFSEND £284,995

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- 3 Beds 2 bathrooms
- Conservatory - Lavish Gds



MARGATE £124,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking
- No Onward Chain



CLIFTONVILLE £75,000

- Two bedrooms
- Split level apartment
- No onward chain



MARGATE £209,995

- 4/5 Bedroom Period Home
- Immaculate Throughout
- Off Street Parking



MARGATE £214,995

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- Packed with Original Features!!



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- 1 Bedroom
- Popular location
- No forward chain



RAMSGATE £164,995

- Three bedrooms
- No Onward Chain
- Many original features



RAMSGATE £124,995

- Two bedrooms
- No forward chain
- Allocated parking



RAMSGATE £117,500

- Two bedrooms
- No chain
- Allocated parking



RAMSGATE £119,995

- 3 Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Some TLC Required
- No Chain Involved



RAMSGATE £129,995

- 2 Bed Victorian Terrace
- Sought After Location
- No Chain Involved



RAMSGATE £129,995

- STAMP DUTY EXEMPT!
- 3 Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Some Modernisation Required



RAMSGATE £149,995

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- Sought After Location & No Chain



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WOMEN seeking men

MATCH OF THE DAY! Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5ft 2, a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

MAKE IT LAST! Slim female, 25, 5'10", long brown hair and blue eyes, caring and social, likes clubs, cinema, seeking a kind male, 30-45 for a relationship. Box 461558

LOOKING 4 A GUY WHO'S EASY ON THE EYE! 25yr old female, 5ft 8, medium-curved build, N/S, enjoys reading, painting, cinema, walks, W/LTM tall, attractive male, 23-32, for friendship. Box 442644

NOT YOUR BROWN-EYED GIRL, BUT... Blue-eyed brunette, 27, 5ft, loves films, walking, darts, pool, singing, me time! Looking for honest guy with GSOH, to get to know. Box 880105

SOUND GOOD? Social lady, 29, likes walks, swimming, vgsch, like to meet a man, 30-55 for lots of fun. Brighton. Box 463984

FANCY A CUDDLE? Loving single man, 29, shoulder length black hair, brown eyes, 5ft 3, slim and sexy, part-time carer, looking for reliable, loving male. Canterbury. Box 464326

COULD I BE THE ONE? Single mum, 33, divorced, looking to meet a male who enjoys walks, going out, time in and out and much more. Maidstone. Box 464835

HORSES FOR COURSES... Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

A FAIRYTALE ENDING! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft 8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308374

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft 3, shoulder length curly hair, I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 463036

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, laughing, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 463079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring, I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft 4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

HISTORIC MEETING? Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 446093

SEIZE THE DAY Loving female, 36, 5ft 4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

AS CAN BE Cute single mum of four, 38, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship, possibly romance. Box 897983

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft 8, slim/medium build, I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 464034

AN AFRICAN DIAMOND

38yr old African girl, likes cooking, going out, watching films and dancing, seeking a loving and caring boy for companionship and more. Box 446676

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, black female, 38, 5ft 4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

EASY TO LOVE Lovely African female, 39, 5ft 4, likes football, socialising, cinema, and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male for a LTR. Ashford. Box 460988

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SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 39yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching, fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

A NICE BOTTLE OF WINE Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out. W/LTM a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

TLC ON OFFER Bubbly, happy, outgoing 41yr old female, enjoy life to the full, like writing, walking, watching DVDs, W/LTM like-minded, happy-go-lucky, clean male for friendship and more. Box 459271

TAKE A LITTLE TIME Social lady, 41, 5'3", gsch, likes family life, going out, cinema, walks, staying in, seeking a fun male for company. Sheerness. Box 461145

FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident once-known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

LOVE IS ALL AROUND Happy-go-lucky, bubbly Blonde, 42, blue eyes, hard-working, love outings, looking for a nice, genuine guy for relationship. Bromley Box 454517

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LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft 10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc, looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsch for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a home and life with. Box 444585

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft 9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving fit, 5ft 9+. Box 461129

STAY TRUE Attractive, curvy, single mum, size 18, 44, kind, genuine, 5'5", loyal, loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 461830

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

SWEET AS HONEY Petite, slim, honey-blond lady, 54, age 44, enjoys the seaside and horse-racing, looking for a dark-haired, genuine, honest and professional man, 25-50 in Brighton. Box 458465

AIMING HIGH 6ft blonde aerobics instructor, female, 43, seeking decent, fit male for companionship, hopefully leading to a relationship in my spare time (mainly afternoons). Box 446017

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 464102

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft 4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft 7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for someone fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, Worldly Man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

TAKE IT EASY Maidstone female, 47, looking for someone just for initial company and friendship. Many interests including gardening, cooking and shopping. Box 464973

A REAL DIAMOND African lady, 47, honest, loving and caring, enjoy most things in life, looking for a male, 50+, for a LTR. Canterbury Box 460999

NORMAL GALT Female, 48, divorced, happy, looking for the one, friendship, laughter, looking for smart, genuine, kind tall honest man, age under 50 is all I ask. Maidstone. Box 866380

DO YOU HAVE THE BRAINS & THE LOOKS? Professional, attractive female, 54, enjoys the countryside, gardening, keeping fit, reading and live music, looking to meet an attractive and intelligent man for a relationship. Box 448663

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5ft 7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, W/LTM single loving male. Box 443642

SOMEbody TO LAUGH WITH... Loving lady looking for companionship, 63, 5ft 8, medium build, brown hair/eyes, likes dancing, walks and animals; seeks similar male with great SOH for lasting happiness. Box 443682

FIGHTING FIT? Very young 64 year old lady, likes socialising, walks, music, dogs; seeks intelligent, unpretentious ex-forces/fireman male? For committed relationship. Les please leave contact number. Box 462717

Women seeking women TRUE ROMANCE Fun loving lady, honest, sincere and trust-worthy, 47yrs old and looking for fun, maybe romance with an honest, sincere woman. I like nights in/out etc. Whistable. Box 464494

LET'S FIND OUT! I'm a fun-loving, kind, passionate lady, 44, 5ft 5, with a wicked sense of humour, looking for friendship and what ever evolves from there. Kent. Box 877446

GIRL TO GIRL Looking for a female to have some fun with, I'm a 47yr old woman, brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, GSOH and I'm friendly. Margate area. Box 859781

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a home and life with. Box 444585

ETERNALLY YOURS Easygoing woman, likes most things in life; country walks, films, cinema, cooking, I'm 46, 5ft 2, medium build. W/LTM genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft 4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford Box 464557

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

HERE AND NOW Outgoing lady, 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

THE RIGHT FIT Big lady (5ft), looking for decent, genuine man. I'm attractive, and very loving so go on, give me a try! I like cooking and family life. Box 862888

JUST IMAGINE Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

CARING & PROFESSIONAL Female 49, 5ft 4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 471100

LOVELY BUBBLY Short 51yr old professional lady, likes history, films and reading, seeking a genuine gent, 45-58, with gsch to enjoy evenings out, stimulating conversations and fun. Box 452311

WOULD LIKE TO BE HAPPY Looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life; wind and rain in my face, 53, red hair, warm holidays love mowing the lawn. Box 860558

IT COULD BE US Happy-go-lucky lady, 53, 5ft 8, slim, blonde-brown hair, blue eyes looking for a tall, honest guy, for love and laughter and happy times. South Kent. Box 464601

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old lady in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 882410

LOVE ME DO Loving and caring lady, 63, 5ft 3, brown hair/eyes, likes most things in life, looking for a caring and considerate male for friendship, hopefully a LTR. Margate. Box 460082

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LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady 55, 5ft 4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

SMART MOVE Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship possible relationship. Box 430854

DOG LOVER? Lovely lady of 58, 5ft 7, medium build, blonde hair, a hairdresser, likes art galleries, theatre, cinema and painting, seeks male to enjoy this and more. Box 457241

MAKE A NEW FRIEND Fun-loving lady, 58, 5ft 4, dark hair, single mum! Likes countryside walks, reading, cooking and cosy nights in, seeks similar male. Folkestone. Box 460420

PISCES OR CAPRICORN? Star-struck lady, 59, 5ft 3, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes swimming, holidays, the sea; W/LTM tall man with good heart for love. Box 448240

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 58, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing cards, looking for a slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft 4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe. I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft 5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more, W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others lives. Box 858113

SHY AT FIRST Caring loving and genuine, hard working and shy at times, I'm 40, slim build, 5ft 10, blue eyes, short hair. Seeking genuine lady in Kent. Box 465529

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

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BE THERE NOW Old romantic, loyal, honest, 43, 5ft 7, brown hair, blue eyes, likes most things, W/LTM female to settle down with and find love. Box 443410

A SUMMER WALK Loving, caring and reliable, single male, 45, 5ft 6, dark hair/blue eyes, I'm seeking a relationship with loving lady 34-56. I like holidays, theatre, music etc. Ashford. Box 465408



MEN seeking women

OUT AND ABOUT Bubbly male, 33, looking for a fun lady to go out with, like clubs, meals out, the usual things. Gillingham. Box 465643

SIT IN Genuine male, I enjoy football, golf, cosy nights, I'm 32, 6ft 1, medium build, short dark hair, glasses, W/LTM woman, 28-34 with a great personality. Box 884207

LOVE ME TENDER Fun-loving honest guy, 34, 5ft 11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE? Fit, active man, I'm single, good looking, 40yrs old. I like cinema, walks, and eating in and out. Ashford area. Box 465457

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft 8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

RECIPE FOR ROMANCE Seeking lovely black lady to share interests with. I'm male, 36, and enjoy movies, cooking and dining out. Maidstone area. Box 462890

LET ME LOVE YOU Happy-go-lucky male, 36, 6'2", GSOH, large build, blue eyes/brown hair, likes socialising, relaxing weekends, loves children; seeks caring, honest female for TLC and love. Box 384903

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a down to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR, want to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

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ROMANTIC TYPE Caring, romantic and loyal gent, 45yrs young, 5ft 11, slim build, blue eyes/brown hair, I like walks, music, animals and pubs. Hastings/Bexhill/Eastbourne areas. Box 465613

ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP Romantic male, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'6", caring and loving, likes cooking holidays, the countryside, bowling, cinema, seeking a similar lady 34-56. Ashford. Box 465485

GAME ON Male, 44, 6ft tall, fairly sporty, romantic nature, likes the countryside, coast, going out; seeks outgoing confident female for friendship/possible relationship. Medway/Kent.

MOTORS NEWS



Black Edition marks 40 years on for 'Z' legend

NISSAN is celebrating 40 years of its legendary 'Z' sports car series with a Black Edition of the current standard bearer, the 370Z.

It is the latest in a line started by the then Datsun 240Z and still uses the classic rear-wheel drive layout preferred for sports cars. The Black Edition (from £33,645) is available to order now, in coupé form only, for April delivery.

It features unique red leather and suede interior with embossed 40th Anniversary logo seats and other premium features.



Sportage ready to step from RAV4's shadow

IF Kia's current Sportage is seen as a cut-price alternative to the increasingly expensive Toyota RAV4, its forthcoming replacement deserves recognition as a smart new model in its own right.

It is a fresh and sporty design blending the key features of a sports utility vehicle – commanding driving position and raised ground clearance.

The Korean marque says the new Sportage will arrive latter this year with a "highly competitive diesel and petrol engine line-up".



Skoda continues to help you save on a new buy

SKODA has extended its 'No-VAT' offer across all Octavia, Fabia and Roomster models, with a potential saving of up to £3,400. Instead of closing at the end of January, this deal continues with orders up to 31 March.

It means the popular Fabia supermini still costs from just £7,870 – saving up to £2,100 and including the eco-friendly Greenline (pictured) – while the award-winning Octavia range that played a major role in the marque's revival is available from just £10,526.



A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: Mazda has opted for a lighter and lower design rather than premium-priced 'eco' models epitomised by their smart tax saving new-look Mazda3

Mazda's 'lighter and lower' philosophy is looking good

ROAD TEST MAZDA3

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

the nimbleness of the car. So, with a typically crisp Mazda gearshift and direct steering plus a more than adequate 109bhp under the bonnet, this is a company or private buy that is easy to live with in all situations.

It cannot quite match the latest VW Golf for refinement, but is a more cost-effective option, to be judged more against the ubiquitous Ford Focus and latest Vauxhall Astra.

It looks leaner and more muscular than its rather frumpy predecessor and the cabin echoes the impressive Mazda6 in layout, style and quality, though rear legroom is only average for the sector.

Having driven most engines in the line-up now, test driving the well-equipped TS2 version of the 'cooking' diesel confirmed it as the 'go to' model for most buyers. By comparison, the 105bhp 1.6-litre petrol needs a lot of gearshifting to make progress, though still a rewarding drive.

For those who like the look of the '3', but crave more thrills, Mazda has also just launched the MPS hot hatch version (£21,500).

Arriving within months of the mainstream line-up this 257bhp turbocharged 2.3-litre petrol model can hit 62mph in just 6.1 seconds and wears a bodykit to complement its good looks.



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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FIAT PANDA



FIAT'S five-door city car shows that a highly space-efficient interior does not have to result in a utilitarian exterior. The compact Italian is also decent to drive, cheap to insure and costs peanuts to run. The original Panda of the 1980s was also cheap and cheerful, but didn't feature the cutting-edge technology and better build of its modern day counterpart. A lively turbodiesel – averaging more than 65mpg – and a rugged little 4x4 option only add to the Panda's attractions.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 107



PEUGEOT'S smallest model is the best-seller of a joint venture three and five-door city car project that also spawned the Toyota Aygo and Citroën C1. All come from the same production line in the Czech Republic and, with minor styling tweaks, are modern, stylish, cheap to run and reliable. Launch prices were not as cheap as expected, but robust new car sales and second-hand values indicate that the public is willing to pay to save money and the planet.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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USED values for the frugal yet lively diesel version of BMW's reborn Mini are steep, but the rewards are worth it; the car drives well, oozes class, will save money while you run it and be worth more when you sell. The downside is a relatively cramped interior in comparison with its exterior – the antithesis of its all-British forebear – and rarity when buying. A late 'Mark II' petrol version with BMW's eco-friendly 'Efficient Dynamics' package is a possible alternative though.

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ON TARGET: Adam Sidders was among the Ville scorers

Ville need to up game despite crushing victory

Burnt Ash III 0 Cliftonville 6

DESPITE turning in a below-par performance, Cliftonville's men registered a thumping win to stay within three points of Kent Division Two leaders Sutton Valence.

Ville travelled with only 11 players but were ahead within five minutes when Seth Simmons finished a fine penalty corner routine. Having taken the lead, though, the visitors became sloppy in defence and were fortunate to double their lead when Dan McGrath produced a sublime finish to make it 2-0.

Graham Van Der Merwe set up Adam

HOCKEY

Sidders to give Ville a 3-0 lead at the break. Matt Westby and Dave Potter took control of the game after the interval and Cliftonville began to look significantly more convincing.

Further goals from McGrath, Simmons and James Perks rounded off the victory, but Ville know they must up their game if Valence are to be toppled in the promotion race.

Cliftonville's ladies thrashed bottom side Maidstone 3rds, running out 10-1 winners. Ville controlled the game from the start

and the goals were shared among eight different scorers.

Tracy Ballard set the ball rolling early on before Jen Chapman and Rachael Ruocco-Buchanan (twice) netted before Maidstone pulled one back. However, Kirsty Sparks had the last word in the first-half as Ville went in with a 5-1 lead.

In the second-half, Rachel Williams, Chris Russell, Julie Cobb and Claire Hougham all got their names on the score sheet and Ruocco-Buchanan completed her hat-trick as Ville maintained their eight-point lead at the top of Kent Division One.

BOXING

Ex-champ Mutley a cut above The Gent

SCOTT 'The Gent' Woolford's hopes of shooting up the national rankings came to an end on Friday night as he was beaten by former British welterweight champion Young Mutley.

The fight formed part of the undercard for the British super-bantamweight fight between Jason Booth and Matthew Marsh, and presented the opportunity for Woolford to cause an upset and send a message out to the boxing fraternity.

The 26-year-old painter and decorator, had stopped Derby's Scott Haywood in six rounds in his last outing, but found the step up against the 33-year-old Mutley too great.

A cut above Woolford's eye, which required eight stitches afterwards, forced referee Terry O'Connor to stop the fight in the third round.

The Ramsgate-based fighter must now go back to the drawing board if he is to get himself into contention for a title shot.



DESPAIR: Margate threw away a two-goal lead, with Aaron Lacy (left) shown a straight red card for handball; new signing Sam Jones (right) was brought on as a late substitute



Pictures DAVID STEWART

Second-half horror show has Blues deep in trouble

MARGATE are sliding deeper into relegation trouble and this gutting defeat at home to Hendon will have hurt as much as any result since Mark Butler's arrival.

The Blues led 2-0 at half-time but conspired to give away three goals and three points as Hendon opened up a four-point gap between the sides, leaving Gate two from safety.

With Matt Reed injured, Butler handed a debut to Luke Garrard, having signed the goalkeeper from Kingstonian, while Sam Jones took his place on the bench following his arrival from Isle rivals Ramsgate.

The hosts were afforded the perfect start in the fifth minute when Hendon keeper James Reading could only palm the ball out as far as Lloyd Blackman, who needed no second invitation to open the scoring.

It was 2-0 midway through the first half when a terrific team move involving seven Margate players culminated with Blackman back-healing the ball to Dan Stubbs, who finished calmly.

Things could have got even better ten minutes before the break when Wayne Wilson

FOOTBALL

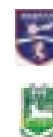
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Margate 2

Blackman 5, Stubbs 24

Hendon 3

Busby 57 pen, Bent 75, Dean 88



Margate starting XI



Subs used: Gonnella (Stubbs 82); Jones (Cliff 82)

and the equaliser arrived with 15 minutes remaining.

Blues failed to deal with a Hendon corner and James Bent was on hand to level the scores. Butler threw on Jones and Antonio Gonnella in an effort to galvanise his side, but the tide had firmly turned and the Hendon comeback was completed in the 88th minute.

More poor Margate defending let in substitute Peter Dean and the ball was poked past Garrard from close range to seal the win.

• Margate were in action last night as they entertained Wealdstone at Hartsdown Park. Log on to www.yourthanet.co.uk for match details.

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Penalty denies Ramsgate their first win of the year

FOOTBALL

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Williamson 33, Brotherton 89 pen

Ramsgate 2

Schulz 49, 59

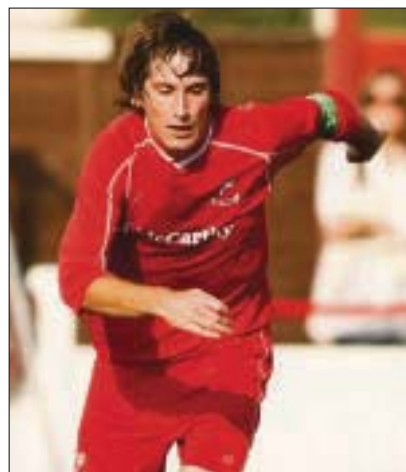
ONLY a last-gasp penalty prevented Ramsgate recording their first league win of the year as ten-man Worthing stole a draw from the jaws of defeat.

Glen Woodburn's dismissal early in the second-half had handed the Rams the initiative after going 1-0 down and captain Warren Schulz added two more to his season's tally to put the visitors in a commanding position.

However, Schulz was then adjudged to have fouled Jamie Brotherton in the penultimate minute of the game and Brotherton picked himself up to beat Sam Mott from the spot.

The hosts had made a strong start and striker Chamal Fenelon fired over before having another effort blocked. Woodburn came close to heading home Ben Johnson's corner soon after but he sent his effort well wide of Sam Mott's post.

Just as the Rebels appeared to be gaining the upper hand, though, Ramsgate created a couple of their own chances as Kenny Pratt



DOUBLE: Captain Warren Schulz's brace wasn't enough as last-minute penalty denied Ramsgate victory

fired wide and Ben Laslett saw his shot well saved by Alan Mansfield.

Tom Tsangarides then went down in the area, appealing for a penalty, but his claims fell on deaf ears and Worthing broke with purpose. Ben Williamson ran through on goal and as Mott charged out, his clearance struck Williamson and rolled into the unguarded net.

The score remained 1-0 at half-time but the Rams came out firing and when James Gregory's corner found Schulz on the edge of the area, Mansfield was called into action

Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Mickelborough (Pratt 70), Thomas (Tsangarides 75)

again, saving well. He could do nothing about Schulz's back-post header two minutes later, though, the captain rising highest to connect with Laslett's cross.

Woodburn was then shown his second yellow card and Schulz put the visitors ahead for the first time when he thundered home Gregory's corner.

The Rams pressed for the third goal to kill the game, but Worthing were rewarded for their determination when Brotherton stepped forward to level the scores late on.

Despite the late blow, Rams boss Jim Ward was upbeat. He said: "We looked dead and buried at half-time, so I changed a few things, pointed a few fingers and in the second half we were exceptional."

"The boys played with smiles on their faces and I want six points from our next two games, against Walton Casuals and Whyteleafe."

"We're well off the play-offs now, so I've got a chance to relax and experiment a bit. Sam Jones has gone to Margate and he goes with my blessing – he will be a better player at that level."

BOXING



REUNITED: Takaloo and trainer Jimmy McDonnell

Tak back for final run at title glory

FORMER world light-middleweight and welterweight champion Takaloo is back in training and ready for one last shot at the big time.

The former three-time WBU champion and WBO title-challenger from Margate found out last week he had missed out on a place in the Barry Hearn-promoted Prizefighter – the light-middleweights' tournament in London on Friday, February 26.

The 34-year-old had hoped to fight in the televised event at York Hall, Bethnal Green, but despite not being picked said he wasn't too disappointed at missing the chance to win the Prizefighter cup and £25,000 first prize.

He said: "It would have been a great platform to get myself back into title contention but at the same time would have been a bit of a rush, what with getting my medical sorted."

"They've put me on standby in case someone gets injured, so you never know, and I'm ready to fight, but having more time to get some sparring in before I come back is probably a good thing."

Challenger

Meanwhile, Takaloo said he had patched things up with former trainer Jimmy McDonnell, the former European super-featherweight champion and world title-challenger who helped guide the Margate Rock to his biggest wins.

McDonnell is training Olympic gold-medallist James Degale and has also reunited with former world title-challenger and Mike Tyson conqueror Danny Williams. The chance to train alongside his old gym-mate Williams and spar with Degale is something Takaloo is relishing.

He said: "Jimmy's sorted himself out and has a proper gym and he's on the ball again. He has to be now he's training Degale. But that's good news because in my last few fights things didn't go too well."

"This is such a hard business – it can be like a drug – so it's not a decision I've taken lightly, but I know I've got enough left to give it another try."

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3 Hastings United	26	12	5	9	+6	41
4 Boreham Wood	24	12	4	8	+12	40
5 Sutton United	24	12	3	9	+13	39
6 Tooting & Mitcham	26	11	6	9	+3	39
7 Ashford Town (Mx)	26	10	9	7	+1	39
8 Horsham	24	10	5	9	+3	35
9 Wealdstone	21	9	8	4	+1	35
10 Canvey Island	24	9	6	9	+2	33
11 AFC Hornchurch	25	8	9	8	+1	33
12 Harrow Borough	24	8	7	9	-2	31
13 Cray Wanderers	27	9	4	14	-17	31
14 Aveley	24	8	5	11	+1	29
15 Maidstone United	23	8	5	10	-4	29
16 Carshalton Athletic	23	7	8	8	-5	29
17 Hendon	21	8	4	9	-2	28
18 Billericay Town	23	6	8	9	-5	26
19 Tonbridge Angels	24	7	5	12	-9	26
20 Margate	23	6	6	11	-14	24
21 Bognor Regis Town	24	5	8	11	-12	23
22 Waltham Abbey	24	5	6	13	-17	21

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	24	17	5	2	+20	56
2 Croydon Athletic	24	14	6	4	+28	48
3 Fleet Town	25	15	3	7	+21	48
4 Worthing	25	14	3	8	+14	45
5 Godalming Town	22	13	3	6	+15	42
6 Walton & Hersham	25	12	5	8	+6	41
7 Dulwich Hamlet	26	9	10	7	+5	37
8 Burgess Hill Town	24	10	6	8	+4	36
9 Chatham Town	27	11	3	13	-10	36
10 Sittingbourne	22	10	5	7	+14	35
11 Horsham YMCA	27	8	11	8	+5	35
12 Ramsgate	24	9	7	8	0	34
13 Corinthian-Casuals	25	10	3	12	-7	33
14 Merstham	25	9	6	10	-8	33
15 Leatherhead	22	9	3	10	+8	30
16 Whyteleafe	24	9	3	12	+2	30
17 Metropolitan Police	23	7	7	9	+4	28
18 Walton Casuals	25	6	6	13	-11	24
19 Chipstead	26	6	6	14	-14	24
20 Whitstable Town	24	6	2	16	-33	20
21 Eastbourne Town	26	3	9	14	-29	18
22 Ashford Town	23	2	8	13	-34	14

FIXTURES

Saturday: Ryman Premier: AFC Hornchurch v Margate; Ryman South: Ramsgate v Walton Casuals

Wanderers coach sacked after clashes with captain

RUGBY

DARRYL Vas has been sacked as Thanet Wanderers head coach following differences of opinion with first XV captain Ben Massey.

The decision was taken for Vas to be axed last Thursday, two days before Wanderers travelled to Crabble for their twice-postponed game against Dover, and three before their Kent Cup tie at Tunbridge Wells.

Vas admitted the sacking had not come entirely as a surprise after he had been openly critical of his side's display in a 22-6 defeat at Chichester on Saturday, January 30.

When he returns to rugby, Vas says it will be with one of the county's senior clubs – Canterbury, Westcombe Park or Blackheath – after his methods were met with opposition at Thanet.

"I didn't agree with the captain over the style of rugby I wanted us to play," he said. "I think my coaching methods ruffled a few feathers and there were issues with the captain."

"He wanted to take more responsibility regarding selection – he was questioning what I was doing and wasn't good at taking criticism."

"At the end of the day, it's a junior club and all my background is in senior rugby. I've got better things to do with my time than sit on a bus to Chichester and watch that sort of performance."

In Vas's absence, Wanderers were beaten 24-3 by Dover on Saturday but saw off Wells 26-24 on Sunday to set up a third-round tie



VICTORY: Thanet Wanderers beat Tunbridge Wells to progress into the third round of the Kent Cup

at league leaders Gravesend.

Before that, they host sixth-placed Chobham at St Peter's Recreation Ground on Saturday.

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